

Application No. 10/629,441
Amendment dated November 28, 2005
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REMARKS

Status Of Application

Claims 1-21, 23-47, and 49-60 were pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 53-60 are canceled as being directed to a non-elected invention. Thus, the status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1-21, 23-47, and 49-52 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

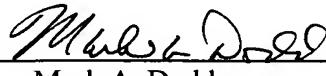
In view of the foregoing, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

This Response does not increase the number of independent claims, does not increase the total number of claims, and does not present any multiple dependency claims beyond the number of claims originally paid for. Accordingly, no fee based on the number or type of claims is currently due. If an extension of time is required to enable this document to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed. Any fee required for such a Petition for Extension of Time or any other fee required by this response, including any fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17,

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